

Funding Action Team
Meeting Notes
February 25, 2005

Attendance S. Anderson, T. Barwin, A. Clover, A. Cooper, L. Fiero, Aarne Frobom, M. Frierson, D. Holt, R. Lange, R. Lehman, C. Mann, E. Mullen, J. Niemela, J. Rice, J. Stoker, E. Timpf, C. Van Deusen, D. Wilson K. Wisselink, D. Wilson, T. Petko, S. Maynard.

Meeting Overview Theresa gave an overview on the background/purpose of the Team and reviewed established goals.

Meeting Notes Team members introduced themselves explaining motivation for attending.

The Funding Action Team is one of nine action teams responsible to address issues and form an action plan. Action items include:

- Increase diesel and gas taxes to more appropriate levels and identify additional sources of funding.
- Encourage and advocate for Michigan's Congressional delegation to support a growing six-year bill that provides a 95% rate of return to Michigan.
- Education of the public and elected officials to understand the cost and complexities of constructing and maintaining the transportation system.
- Look for best practices for restructuring transportation funding and allocation

The Michigan Infrastructure Transportation Association and Michigan Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Transportation Funding Workshop on March 8, 2005. The Funding Presentation Subteam will be making a powerpoint presentation to Legislators. Mike Nystrom, Brian Blaesing, Doris Wilson, Theresa Petko and Myron Frierson will be participating. They will be meeting new members of the House of Representatives and House Appropriations Subcommittee.

Eric Mullen gave an update on the reauthorization. The House is moving forward with their version of the bill (H.R.3) that provides approximately \$284 billion in guaranteed obligations. The rate of return for the House bill seems to be around 92% which is more than we get now, but less than the 95% we are fighting for. The House has stated that they will have a bill complete by the end of March.

On the Senate side, things are moving slower. Their bill is still rumored at \$301 billion and they are reluctant to move lower. They have specified a timetable for moving their bill through committee and to the floor.

The Governor approved the MDOT budget the first of the month.

John Stoker volunteered to contact Craig Thiel and Bill Hamilton to make arrangements to meet with appropriate transportation committee members.

Theresa, Doris and Myron reviewed the draft power point presentation of the Funding Presentation Subteam.

Tom Barwin, City Manager – Ferndale, informed the Team of a statewide coalition that is being formed to attempt to amend the Michigan Constitution to create the opportunity for local option taxes to fund transit and roads.

**Next Meeting
Dates**

1. Friday, April 15, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
2. Friday, May 13, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
3. Friday, June 17, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
4. Friday, July 15, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
5. Friday, August 19, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
6. Friday, September 16, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
7. Friday, October 21, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
8. Friday, November 18, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

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Meeting Agenda**

**March 18, 2005
9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Aeronautics Auditorium
2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing**

- 1. New Members Introductions**
- 2. Reauthorization /2006 Budget**
- 3. Update – Meeting with Legislators**
Future Presentations
Legislature
Other Organizations/Interest Groups
- 4. Education Subteam Report**
- 5. Innovative Funding Options – Establish Subteam**